

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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PCT/JP2005/004964

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
Int.Cl⁷ F16D25/12, 25/0638

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
Int.Cl⁷ F16D25/12, 25/0638, F16J15/32

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched
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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	JP 2003-42185 A (NOK Corp.), 13 February, 2003 (13.02.03), Column 1, line 46 to column 2, line 4; column 3, lines 16 to 43; column 5, lines 12 to 32; column 5, line 48 to column 6, line 28; Figs. 2, 3 (Family: none)	1-4 5
Y	US 2004/0035666 A1 (Wolfgang Grosspietsch et al.), 26 February, 2004 (26.02.04), Par. Nos. [0077] to [0083]; Figs. 3, 10 to 12 & EP 1339995 A1 & WO 2002/046632 A1	1-5

Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

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Y	JP 2003-329143 A (NOK Corp.), 19 November, 2003 (19.11.03), Column 5, line 2 to column 6, line 26; Figs. 1 to 3 (Family: none)	1-5
Y	US 2003/0168306 A1 (Michael Joseph Gorman et al.), 11 September, 2003 (11.09.03), Par. Nos. [0022] to [0030]; Figs. 1a, 1b & DE 10309601 A1	1-5
A	JP 56-27738 B2 (General Motors Corp.), 26 June, 1981 (26.06.81), Column 7, line 40 to column 8, line 26; Fig. 4 & DE 2340760 A1 & FR 2199832 A1 & GB 1391377 A & US 3848518 A & US 3914849 A	1-5
A	US 6039160 A (General Motors Corp.), 21 May, 2000 (21.05.00), Column 2, line 65 to column 3, line 1; Fig. 1 (Family: none)	1-5
E,A	JP 2005-90568 A1 (NOK Corp.), 07 April, 2005 (07.04.05), Full text; all drawings (Family: none)	1-5

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Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
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Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

The technical feature common to the inventions of claims 1-5 is "a reinforcement member having a section extending to the root of a seal lip." However, the technical feature is not novel because the search has revealed that the reinforcement member is disclosed in JP 2003-42185 A (NOK Corp.), 13 February, 2003 (13.02.03), column 1, line 46 to column 2, line 4; column 3, lines 16 to 43; column 5, lines 12 to 32; column 5, line 48 to column 6, line 28; Figs. 2, 3 (Family: none). Consequently, the reinforcement member makes no contribution over the prior art; therefore the technical feature is not a special technical feature (continued to extra sheet)

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within the meaning of PCT Rule 13.2, second sentence.
Further, there is no other common technical feature that can be considered as a special technical feature within the meaning of PCT Rule 13.2, second sentence.